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CONVENTION PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR DISCUSSION OF DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS

Wide Range of Subjects Will Be Presented at Meetings and Conferences

The program for the thirty-third annual convention of the National Canners Association, to be held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago the week of January 21, will provide for presentation and discussion of a wide range of subjects, including factors in production plans for 1940; international relations as they affect both foreign and domestic trade; marketing channels and merchandising methods; economic research; consumer and distributive trade education; food and drug regulations, including standards and labeling; legislation; technical canning problems; cannery waste disposal; and canning crops production. Most of these have a direct or indirect bearing on distribution, which will be the principal theme of the convention. Among the speakers will be:

Senator Walter F. George of Georgia, a member of the United States Senate since 1922, and for many years a member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and on Finance. His interest in foreign affairs and his experience on these committees make him especially well qualified to discuss the international situation as it affects various aspects of American business.

Arthur C. Nielsen, head of the A. C. Nielsen Co., Chicago, which has pioneered in scientific and practical marketing research since 1923. The subject of his address is "New Developments in Food Merchandising." He will describe the system used by his organization to assemble and apply market information, and will use charts based on actual case studies to illustrate consumer response to the outbreak of war in September, the importance of price in the movement of typical grocery commodities, recent competitive trends as between advertised and private brands, importance of consumer preferences for quality products, and preliminary evidences of saturation in the consumer markets for certain grocery products.

Dr. Neil Carothers, dean of the School of Business Administration at Lehigh University, who is directing the economic survey of the canning industry authorized at the Association's annual convention last January. Dr. Carothers will report upon the progress of this survey and upon the information he has developed both through the questionnaire sent to the industry and through his contacts with canners.

James W. Young, who was appointed director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce last August, has had a lifetime of active business experience, including many years of advertising work. He served as president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies in 1927. A good deal of his advertising experience was in connection with foreign offices. Mr. Young also served as professor of Busi-

ness History and Advertising at the University of Chicago School of Business.

B. Frank Kyker, acting chief of the Business Education Service of the U. S. Office of Education, will discuss the distributive education program of the Service at the Home Economics Conference on Wednesday morning. Mr. Kyker has taught in the fields of business administration, marketing, and business education at several colleges and universities, and at the same time has served as sales adviser, executive, and consultant for a number of banking and industrial organizations.

Among the other speakers at the convention, who are already well known to canners, will be:

Judge J. Harry Covington, counsel for the Association since 1918, who will analyze problems of the industry and their significance to canners.

H. Thomas Austern, of Association counsel, the author of many of the reviews and analyses of new laws and regulations affecting the canning industry which have been published and distributed by the Association in recent years, who will speak on recently enacted and proposed Federal regulations.

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PEACH STANDARDS PROMULGATED

Regulations on Identity, Fill of Container, and Quality Go Into Effect March 22

Regulations establishing for canned peaches standards of identity, fill of container and quality, were promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 22 by publication in the *Federal Register*, and will go into effect March 22, 1940, the ninetieth day after publication.

In general, the standards for peaches promulgated by the Secretary follow the standards suggested by the presiding officer in his report to the Secretary, which were published in the Information Letters of September 9 and 23, 1939.

These promulgated regulations do differ from the suggested standards, however, with respect to declarations on the label of added sugar. The terms "light", "medium", "heavy", and "extra-heavy" are to be used on labels to designate the sirup (or syrup) concentrations of the packing medium. No distinction is made between beet and cane sugar. The use of corn sugar is permitted without declaration on the label, but the amount of corn sugar used must be greater to provide the same relative sweetness.

Particular attention is called to the label requirements of these regulations, for the exact words specified in the regulations must be used on labels of all canned peaches.

The regulation on the fill of container follows the suggested regulation of the presiding officer in that no "fill-in" weight or "drained" weight is included. The text of the findings of fact on which the regulations are based are reprinted below, along with the standards in the form of regulations:

DEFINITION AND STANDARD OF IDENTITY Findings of Fact

- 1.—Canned peaches are prepared from mature peaches.
- 2.—Such peaches are of one of the following varietal groups: yellow clingstone, yellow freestone, white clingstone, white freestone.
- 3.—Peaches of different varietal groups are not canned together.
- Peaches of each varietal group are an optional peach ingredient.
- 5.—The word "free" is used synonymously with the word "freestone" and the word "cling" is used synonymously with the word "clingstone" to designate the varietal group.
- 6.—Such peaches are prepared in one of the following forms of units: unpeeled whole; unpeeled halves; peeled whole; peeled halves; peeled dice; peeled dice; peeled dice; peeled forms of units are never mixed in canning except when canned as mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes. Peaches of each form of units are an optional peach ingredient.
- 7.—Such peaches, except in the case of whole peaches, are pitted.
- 8.—Canned peaches contain a suitable liquid packing medium.
 - 9.-Water is a suitable liquid packing medium
- 10.—The natural juice of the peach is a suitable liquid packing medium. Such juice may be obtained by precooking the peaches so that the juice exudes.
- 11.—(a) A water solution of refined sugar (sucrose), with or without refined corn sugar (dextrose), is a suitable liquid packing medium. The water solution of such sugar or sugars used as a liquid packing medium is called sirup.
- (b) A water solution of refined corn sugar (dextrose) cannot be used alone as the liquid packing medium in the canning of peaches. The maximum amount of refined corn sugar (dextrose) heretofore used for commercial purposes, in combination with refined sugar (sucrose), in the canning of peaches is 33½ per cent of such combination.
- (c) Refined corn sugar (dextrose) is not as sweet as refined sugar (sucrose), being generally regarded as from 50 per cent to 75 per cent as sweet as refined sugar (sucrose). Consumers are accustomed to gauge sweetness according to that of refined sugar (sucrose).
- 12.—(a) There are four sirups of different degrees of sweetness known to consumers and used in the industry; namely, light, medium, heavy, and extra heavy. It is a customary trade and consumer practice so to distinguish them. Such sirups are measured and distinguished by their specific gravity as determined by the Brix hydrometer. The Brix hydrometer is a reliable instrument for testing specific gravity of liquid solutions and is in general use. A water solution of refined sugar (sucrose) which shows a reading of less than 10° on the Brix hydrometer does not sweeten the finished canned peaches sufficiently to be known as a sirup for this food.
- (b) When such sirups are prepared from refined sugar (sucrose), they have, respectively, the following readings on the Brix hydrometer: light sirup, not less than 10° but less than 25°; medium sirup, not less than 25° but less than 40°; heavy sirup, not less than 40° but less than 55°; and extra heavy sirup, not less than 55°.

- (c) When such sirups of equivalent sweetness are prepared from a mixture of refined sugar (sucrose) and refined corn sugar (dextrose), they do not have the above readings on the Brix hydrometer because of the difference in sweetness between refined corn sugar (dextrose) and refined sugar (sucrose). However, the Brix reading of a refined sugar (sucrose) solution equivalent in sweetness to the sweetness of any sirup prepared from such a mixture is obtained by adding the per cent by weight of refined sugar (sucrose) in such sirup to two-thirds of the per cent by weight of refined corn sugar (dextrose) in such sirup.
- (d) The common or usual names of such sirups are light sirup, medium sirup, heavy sirup, and extra heavy sirup.
- (e) The terms "sirup" and "syrup" are synonymous.
- 13.—The liquid of the finished canned peaches is not more than 35° Brix.
- 14.—Canned peaches may or may not contain added spice.
- 15.—Canned peaches may or may not contain added flavoring.
 - 16.-(a) Canned peaches may or may not be seasoned.
 - (b) A vinegar is a suitable seasoning agent.
- (c) Added peach kernels are a suitable seasoning agent, except in the case of whole peaches.
- (d) Peach pits, added in limited amounts are a suitable seasoning agent, except in the case of whole peaches. The number of pits suitable for such purpose is limited to not more than one to each eight ounces of finished canned peaches.
- (c) Such seasoning agents are used singly or in combination, except that peach pits and peach kernels are not used in combination with each other.
- 17.—It is essential that canned peaches be sealed in a container.
- 18.—It is essential to process canned peaches by heat so as to prevent spoilage.
- 19.—Honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer require that the optional peach ingredient, the optional liquid packing medium, and the optional seasoning ingredients be declared on the label, and that, if spice or flavoring is added, this be stated on the label.
- 20.—The common or usual names of the several varietal groups of peaches are yellow clingstone, or yellow cling; yellow freestone, or yellow free; white clingstone or white cling; and white freestone, or white free.
- 21.—The common or usual name of peeled canned peaches is peaches, qualified by the name of the varietal group and form of unit, without other qualifying words, except that "slices" and "sliced" are synonymous and "dice" and "diced" are synonymous.
- 22.—The common or usual name of unpeeled canned peaches is peaches, qualified by the term unpeeled, by the name of the varietal group, and by the name of the form of unit.
- 23.—The common or usual name of water used as a liquid packing medium in canned peaches is water.
- 24.—The common or usual name of the natural juice of the peach used as a liquid packing medium in canned peaches is peach juice.
- 25.—The common or usual names of the water solutions of sugar or sugars used as liquid packing media in canned peaches are: light sirup, or light syrup; medium sirup, or medium syrup; heavy sirup, or heavy syrup; and extra heavy sirup, or extra heavy syrup.
- The common or usual name of a vinegar used as a seasoning is vinegar.
- 27.—The common or usual name of peach pit kernels used as a seasoning is peach kernels.

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29.—ronesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer require that, when spice, flavoring, vinegar, peach pits, or peach kernels are used, the label bear the words, respectively: "Spiced" or "With Added Spice" or "Spice Added"; "With Added Flavoring" or "Flavoring Added"; "Seasoned with Vinegar"; "Seasoned with Peach Pits"; "Seasoned with Peach Kernels". If two or more of such optional ingredients are present, such words may be combined, as, for example, "With Added Spice, Flavoring, and Vinegar".

30.—Honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer require that, wherever the name "peaches" appears on the label so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase, the names of the optional ingredients present shall immediately and conspicuously precede or follow such name, without intervening written. printed, or graphic matter, except that the specific varietal name of the peaches may so intervene.

Regulation

§ 27.000 Canned peaches—Identity; label statement of optional ingredients.

(a)

- (1) Canned peaches are the food prepared from mature peaches of one of the following varietal groups: yellow clingstone: yellow freestone; white clingstone; white freestone. Such peaches, except in the case of whole peaches, are pitted and are in one of the following forms of units: peeled whole: unpeeled whole; peeled halves; unpeeled halves; peeled quarters; peeled slices; peeled dice; peeled mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes. Peaches of each varietal group in each form of units are an optional peach ingredient.
- (2) To one such peach ingredient is added one of the following optional liquid packing media:
- (A) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose) of not less than 10° Brix but less than 25° Brix;
- (B) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose) and refined corn sugar (dextrose) having a refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent of not less than 10° Brix but less than 25° Brix (such refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent is calculated by adding the per cent by weight of refined sugar (sucrose) in such sirup to two-thirds of the per cent by weight of refined corn sugar (dextrose) in such sirup);

(C) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose), of not less than 25° Brix but less than 40° Brix;

(D) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose) and refined corn sugar (dextrose) having a refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent of not less than 25° Brix but less than 40° Brix (such refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent is calculated by adding the per cent by weight of refined sugar (sucrose) in such sirup to two-thirds of the per cent by weight of refined corn sugar (dextrose) in such sirup);

(E) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose), of not less than 40° Brix but less than 55° Brix;

(F) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose) and refined corn sugar (dextrose) having a refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent of not less than 40° Brix but less than 55° Brix (such refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent is calculated by adding the percent by weight of refined sugar (sucrose) in such sirup to two-thirds of the percent by weight of refined corn sugar (dextrose) in such sirup);

(G) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose), of not less than 55° Brix:

(H) A sirup of refined sugar (sucrose) and refined corn sugar (dextrose) having a refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent

of not less than 55° Brix (such refined sugar (sucrose) equivalent is calculated by adding the per cent by weight of refined sugar (sucrose) in such sirup to two-thirds of the per cent by weight of refined corn sugar (dextrose) in such sirup);

(I) Peach juice;

(J) Water.

(3) Spice may be added.

(4) Flavoring may be added.

(5) The food may be seasoned with one or more of the following optional seasonings:

(A) A vinegar:

(B) Peach pits (except in the case of whole peaches), not more than 1 to each 8 ounces of finished canned peaches;

(C) Peach kernels (except in the case of whole peaches and except when optional seasoning (B) is present.)

(6) The food is sealed in a container and so processed by heat as to prevent spoilage.

(7) The liquid of the finished canned peaches is not more than 35° Brix.

(b)

- (1) The label shall name the optional peach ingredient present by the use of the words "Yellow Cling" or "Yellow Clingstone", "White Cling" or "White Clingstone", "Yellow Free" or "Yellow Freestone", or "White Free" or "White Freestone" and the word or words "Whole" "Unpeeled Whole", "Halves", "Unpeeled Halves", "Quarters", "Slices" or "Sliced", "Dice" or "Diced", or "Mixed Pieces of Irregular Sizes and Shapes".
- (2) The label shall also bear the words "In Light Sirup" or "In Light Syrup", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (A) or (B); or the words "In Medium Sirup" or "In Medium Syrup", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (C) or (D); or the words "In Heavy Sirup" or "In Heavy Syrup", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (E) or (F); or the words "In Extra Heavy Sirup" or "In Extra Heavy Syrup", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (G) or (H); or the words "In Peach Juice", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (I); or the words "In Water", showing the presence of optional liquid packing medium (J)

(3) If spice is present, the label shall bear the word or words "Spiced" or "With Added Spice" or "Spice Added".

(4) If flavoring is present, the label shall bear the words "With Added Flavoring" or "Flavoring Added".

(5) If an optional seasoning ingredient is used, the label shall bear the words "Seasoned with Vinegar", "Seasoned with Peach Pits", or "Seasoned with Peach Kernels", as the case may be.

(6) If spice and flavoring, or spice, flavoring, and an optional seasoning, or spice and an optional seasoning, or flavoring and an optional seasoning, are present, the label may bear a combination of words, as, for example, "With Added Spice, Flavoring, and Vinegar."

(7) Wherever the name "Peaches" appears on the label so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase, the words and statements herein specified, showing the optional ingredients present, shall immediately and conspicuously precede or follow such name without intervening written, printed, or graphic matter, except that the specific varietal name of the peaches may so intervene.

STANDARD OF FILL OF CONTAINER Findings of Fact

1.—The quantity of the optional peach ingredient which can be placed in a container varies, depending upon the

method of packing and upon the shape, size, degree of maturity, and specific gravity of the units of the optional peach ingredient.

- 2.—With the exception of comparatively few slack filled cans, canned peaches as they appear on the market at the present time contain the maximum quantity of the optional peach ingredient which, using reasonably good factory practice, can be placed and sealed in each can and processed by heat to prevent spoilage, without crushing or breaking the peach units.
- 3.—The maximum quantity of the optional peach ingredient varies, depending on the size of the container, the method of packing, the form, size, firmness of units, the necessity for having sufficient liquid to insure proper processing, and other factors.
- 4.—The can should contain the greatest number of peach units the canner can place therein and properly seal and process.
- 5.—Knowing the form, shape, size, degree of maturity and comparative specific gravity of the peach units in any lot being canned, canners know the greatest amount of peach units which can be placed in a can of any given size without damage, and canners employ inspectors to insure proper filling by packers.
- 6.—None of the various methods which have been studied for objective measurements of fill have shown any uniform correlation between the quantity of peach units put in and the quantity of peach units cut out. Assurance to the consumer of a can full of peaches can be obtained only by a requirement as to the quantity put in the container.
- 7.—It is necessary and desirable in the interest of the consumer that canned peaches falling below a standard of fill of container bear on the label a simple and understandable statement of that fact. "Below Standard in Fill" is such a statement.
- 8.-If canned peaches fall below a standard of fill of container, it is necessary and desirable in the interest of the consumer that the label bear the statement "Below Standard in Fill", printed in Cheltenham bold condensed caps. If the quantity of the contents of the container is less than 1 pound. the statement should be in 12-point type; if such quantity is I pound or more, the statement should be in 14-point type. Such statement should be enclosed within lines not less than 6 points in width, forming a rectangle; but if the peaches also fall below the standard of quality for canned peaches and bear the label statement of substandard quality specified in the standard of quality for canned peaches, both statements (one following the other) may be enclosed within the same rectangle. Such statement or statements, with enclosing lines. should be on a strongly contrasting, uniform background, and should be so placed as to be easily seen when the name "Peaches" or any pictorial representation of a peach is viewed, wherever such name or representation appears so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase.

Regulation

§ 27.002 Canned peaches—Fill of container; label statement of substandard fill.

(a

The standard of fill of container for canned peaches is the maximum quantity of the optional peach ingredient which can be sealed in the container and processed by heat to prevent spoilage, without crushing or breaking such ingredient.

(b)

If canned peaches fall below the standard of fill of container prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, the

label shall bear the general statement of substandard fill specified in section 10.020 (b), in the manner and form therein specified.

STANDARD OF QUALITY

Findings of Fact

- 1.—Factors which go to make up quality in canned peaches are tenderness of the peach ingredient; size of units in the case of peach halves and quarters; uniformity of size of units in the cases of whole peaches, halves, and quarters; absence of peel in all forms of the peach unit except in the case of unpeeled peaches; freedom from blemishes; the shape of the units in the cases of whole peaches, halves, quarters, and slices; freedom from crushed or broken units except in the case of mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes.
- 2.—In canned peaches, the biting or chewing characteristic of the peach is an index of the quality factor, tenderness. This factor involves the maturity of the peach and the extent to which it has been cooked.
- 3.—Such tenderness is measurable objectively by the following method:

So trim a test piece from the unit as to fit, with peel surface up, into a supporting receptacle. If the unit is of different firmness in different parts of its peel surface, trim the piece from the firmest part. If the piece is unpeeled, remove the peel. The top of the receptacle is circular in shape, of 11/8 inches inside diameter, with vertical sides; or rectangular in shape, 3/4 inch by 1 inch inside measurements, with ends vertical and sides sloping downward and joining at the center at a vertical depth of 3/4 inch. Use the circular receptacle for testing units of such size that a test piece can be trimmed therefrom to fit it. Use the rectangular receptacle for testing other units. Test no unit from which a test piece with rectangular peel surface at least ½ inch by 1 inch cannot be trimmed. Test the piece by means of a round metal rod 1/22 inch in diameter. To the upper end of the rod is affixed a device to which weight can be added. The rod is held vertically by a support through which it can freely move upward or downward. The lower end of the rod is a plane surface to which the vertical axis of the rod is perpendicular. Adjust the combined weight of the rod and device to 100 grams. Set the receptacle so that the surface of the test piece is held horizontally. Lower the end of the rod to the approximate center of such surface, and add weight to the device at a uniform, continuous rate of 12 grams per second until the rod pierces the test piece. Weigh the rod and weighted device. Test all units in containers of 50 units or less, except those units too small for testing or too soft for trimming. Test at least 50 units, taken at random, in containers of more than 50 units; but if less than 50 units are of sufficient size and firmness for testing, test those which are of sufficient size and firmness,

- Forms of units of the peach ingredient too small for such testing or too soft for such trimming need not be tested for tenderness.
- The foregoing method outlined in Finding No. 3 is directly correlated with the consensus of consumer opinion of what constitutes tenderness in canned peaches.
- 6.—Size of units, as measured by the weight of the unit, is not a factor of quality in canned peaches except in the cases of halves and quarters.
- 7.—Canned peaches which are of standard quality have a minimum size for halves and quarters at the present time. Halves and quarters smaller than such minimum size are commonly packed as substandard peaches at the present time.
- 8.—Halves and quarters have a minimum size of % ounce and % ounce, respectively. These minima are less than the minima adopted by the packers of over 97 per cent of the canned peaches produced in the United States.

9.—Such weights are determinable as follows: The unit is placed on a screen and the liquid is allowed to drain therefrom for two minutes. The unit is then weighed.

10.—Uniformity of size of units is not a factor of quality in canned peaches unless the units are whole, halves, or quarters. Uniformity of size cannot be controlled under the best commercial practice in the cases of slices and dice. Discrepancies in size are not objectionable to the consumers when the units are small, such as slices or dice. Uniformity of size is obviously not a factor in the quality of the product when canned as mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes.

11.—Uniformity of size of units in the cases of whole, halves, or quarters is necessary in order to prevent variant numbers of units in servings of desserts and salads on the

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12.—Such units are of reasonable uniformity of size if the weight of the largest unit is not more than twice the weight of the smallest unit in the container. Weights of such units are determined in the same manner as weights for minimum size of units.

13.—Absence of peel is a factor of quality in canned peaches except in the case of peaches canned as unpeeled peaches.

14.—Adhering peel ordinarily can be removed completely from the peach, but some peel is occasionally left in good commercial practice. One square inch of peel per pound of net content is a reasonable maximum tolerance for peel present in the finished product.

15.—Freedom from blemishes such as scab, hail injury, discoloration, or other abnormalities is a factor of quality in

canned peaches.

16.—A tolerance for blemishes is necessary because of small blemishes not apparent in hand sorting as carried out under good commercial practice. Twenty per cent blemished units is a reasonable tolerance.

17.—Normal shape of the peach unit is a factor of quality in canned peaches if the units are whole, halves, quarters, or

slices

18.—When the units are trimmed, normal shape can be preserved. It is possible for the canner to meet this quality factor by discarding all units so trimmed that their normal shape is not preserved. Consumers uniformly object to unevenly trimmed units.

19.—Except in the case of mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes, freedom from crushed or broken units is a factor of quality in canned peaches. A crushed unit is a unit pressed so as to destroy its normal shape. A broken unit is a unit separated into two or more parts. Units which do not have normal shape because of ripeness and which do not show any crushing are not crushed or broken units. Crushed and broken units are not deliberately packed as canned peaches which are of standard quality at the The concussion resulting from the application of the lid to the can at high speeds under great pressure sometimes breaks or crushes the topmost unit of well-filled containers in good commercial practice. For this reason, a tolerance for crushed and broken units is necessary, and a tolerance of 5 per cent for containers of more than 20 units or of 1 unit for containers of less than 20 units is reasonable.

20.—A canner employing good commercial practice can meet each of the foregoing factors of quality in canned

peaches without difficulty.

21.—Each factor of quality takes into consideration and makes due allowance for the differing characteristics of the several varieties of peaches. Some varieties can meet the various factors more easily than others, but all varieties can meet the foregoing factors of quality without difficulty under good commercial practice.

22.—It is reasonable and it will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer to have a simple and understandable statement of substandard quality placed on the label. "Below Standard in Quality", qualified by an explanation wherein the product falls below standard in quality, is such a statement. If the peaches are not tender, the qualifying statement "Not Tender" furnishes an accurate explanation of the reason the product is below standard. Likewise, the qualifying statement "Small Halves", or "Small Quarters", if under minimum size; "Mixed Sizes", if not of uniform size; "Not Well Peeled", if over the tolerance for peel; "Blemished", if over the tolerance for blemishes; "Unevenly Trimmed", if trimmed to destroy normal shape; "Partly Crushed or Broken", if over the tolerance for crushed or broken units.

23.—It is reasonable and it will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer to have such statement immediately and conspicuously precede or follow, without intervening written, printed, or graphic matter, the name "Peaches", together with words and statements required or authorized to appear with such name by the definition and standard of identity for canned peaches.

24.—Such label requirements for peaches of substandard quality would not be practicable under good commercial practices in instances such as where the product fell below the

standard in several respects.

25.—In such event, the statement "Below Standard in Quality Good Food—Not High Grade" would be reasonable, would be informative to the consumer, and would promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer.

26.—It is reasonable and it would promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer to have such statement printed in two lines of Cheltenham bold condensed caps. The words "Below Standard in Quality" to constitute the first line, and the second to immediately follow. If the quantity of the contents of the container is less than 1 pound, such type of the first line should be 12-point, and of the second, 8-point. If such quantity is 1 pound or more, such type of the first line should be 14-point, and of the second, 10-point. Such statement should be enclosed within lines, not less than 6 points in width, forming a rectangle. Such statement, with enclosing lines, should be on a strongly contrasting, uniform background, and should be so placed as to be easily seen when the name "Peaches" or any pictorial representation of a peach is viewed, wherever such name or representation appears so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase.

Regulation

27.001 Canned peaches—Quality; label statement of substandard quality.

The standard of quality for canned peaches is as follows:

- All units tested in accordance with the method prescribed in subsection (b) are pierced by a weight of not more than 300 grams;
- (2) In the cases of halves and quarters, the weight of each unit is not less than % ounce and % ounce, respectively;
- (3) In the cases of whole peaches, halves, and quarters, the weight of the largest unit in the container is not more than twice the weight of the smallest unit therein;
- (4) Except in the case of unpeeled peaches, there is present in the finished canned peaches not more than 1 square inch of peel per each 1 pound of net contents;
- (5) Not more than 20 per cent of the units in the container are blemished with scab, hail injury, discoloration, or other abnormalities;

- (6) In the cases of whole peaches, halves, quarters, and slices, all units are untrimmed, or are so trimmed as to preserve normal shape; and
- (7) Except in the case of mixed pieces of irregular sizes and shapes, not more than 5 per cent of the units in a container of 20 or more units, and not more than one unit in a container of less than 20 units, is crushed or broken. (A unit which has lost its normal shape because of ripeness and which bears no mark of crushing shall not be considered to be crushed or broken.)

(b)

Canned peaches shall be tested by the following method to determine whether or not they meet the requirements of clause (1) of subsection (a):

So trim a test piece from the unit as to fit, with peel surface up, into a suporting receptacle. If the unit is of different firmness in different parts of its peel surface, trim the piece from the firmest part. If the piece is unpeeled, remove the peel. The top of the receptacle is circular in shape, of 11/8 inches inside diameter, with vertical sides; or rectangular in shape, 34 inch by 1 inch inside measurements, with ends vertical and sides sloping downward and joining at the center at a vertical depth of 34 inch. Use the circular receptacle for testing units of such size that a test piece can be trimmed therefrom to fit it. Use the rec-tangular receptacle for testing other units. Test no unit from which a test piece with rectangular peel surface at least ½ inch by 1 inch cannot be trimmed. Test the piece by means of a round metal rod 1/12 inch in diameter. To the upper end of the rod is affixed a device to which weight can be added. The rod is held vertically by a support through which it can freely move upward or downward. The lower end of the rod is a plane surface to which the vertical axis of the rod is perpendicular. Adjust the combined weight of the rod and device to 100 grams. Set the receptacle so that the surface of the test piece is held horizontally. Lower the end of the rod to the approximate center of such surface. and add weight to the device at a uniform, continuous rate of 12 grams per second until the rod pierces the test piece. Weigh the rod and weighted device. Test all units in containers of 50 units or less, except those units too small for testing or too soft for trimming. Test at least 50 units, taken at random, in containers of more than 50 units; but if less than 50 units are of sufficient size and firmness for testing, test those which are of sufficient size and firmness.

(c)

If the quality of canned peaches falls below the standard prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, the label shall bear the general statement of substandard quality specified in section 10.020 (a), in the manner and form therein specified; but in lieu of such general statement of substandard quality, the label may bear the alternative statement "Below Standard in Quality . , the blank to be filled in with the words specified after the corresponding number of each clause of subsection (a) of this section which such canned peaches fail to meet, as follows: (1) "Not Tender"; (2) "Small Halves", or "Small Quarters". as the case may be; (3) "Mixed Sizes"; (4) "Not Well Peeled"; (5) "Blemished"; (6) "Unevenly Trimmed"; (7) "Partly Crushed or Broken". Such alternative statement shall immediately and conspicuously precede or follow, without intervening written, printed, or graphic matter, the name "Peaches" and any words and statements required or authorized to appear with such name by section 27.000 (b).

WAGE STATEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES

Requirements Under Amendment to Social Security Act Explained

The attention of canners is directed to the amended requirements of the Social Security Act, effective the first of the year, concerning the giving of statements of wages paid to employees. The amendments to the Act, which were adopted by Congress last summer, specify that every employer must give to each of his employees periodic statements setting forth certain required information about the wages paid to the employee. It should be emphasized again that this requirement becomes effective on January 1, 1940. In other words, it applies with respect to all wages paid to employees after December 31, 1939.

The Act allows the employer wide discretion in determining when these statements are to be given to employees, and what periods they are to cover. Under the Act, the statements may cover a period of either one calendar quarter, two calendar quarters, three calendar quarters, or an entire year. If the giving of statements covering one or more calendar quarters is not satisfactory to the employer, he has the option of giving a separate statement each time the wages are paid to the employee.

Whatever period the employer decides to cover in his statements, the statement must be given to the employee not later than the last day of the second calendar month following the end of the period covered by the statement. If, however, the employer exercises his option of giving statements every time wages are paid, the statement must, of course, be given at the time of the wage payment. It should also be observed that if an employee leaves the service of the canner, a final statement must be furnished him on the day when the last payment of wages is made to him.

The Act specifies that certain definite information must be contained in these wage statements. In the first place, the statement must set forth the name of the canner. Second. it must also show the employee's name. In addition, it must indicate the period covered by the statement. If statements are given every time wages are paid, the statement may merely indicate the date of the wage payment, without specifying the period covered. Finally, and most important, the statement must set forth the total wages paid to the employee during the period covered by the statement, and must also disclose the amount of "Federal-insurance contributions" deducted from these wages under the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act. "Federal insurance contributions" is the new name given to the taxes previously called "Federal old-age benefit taxes".

These wage statements must, under the amended provisions of the Act, be given to the employee in a form "suitable for retention by the employee". This requirement is new, as under the old Bureau of Internal Revenue Regulations statements of wages paid and Federal insurance contributions deducted from the wages could merely be stamped on the face of a paycheck. This will no longer be permissible, and it will be necessary to furnish the statement in some form that can be retained by the employee.

There are several ways in which this can be done. It is possible to have a detachable stub on the paycheck, which sets forth the required information, and which may be de-

tached and retained by the employee. The use of such stubs is permissible. The statement could be stamped on the face of the pay envelope, or it may be furnished on a separate piece of paper.

There is set forth below a specimen form of statement which contains all of the information required by the Act. The form of this statement could, of course, be modified to suit individual requirements.

Statement of Wages Paid to [employee's name] , during the period beginning , 1940, and ending , 1940. Total Wages Paid \$300.00 Federal Insurance Contributions Deducted 3.00 Net Wages Paid \$297.00

If statements are given every time wages are paid, the statement may read "Statement of wages paid to on , 1940", instead of the statement given above.

The Act imposes civil penalties of not more than \$5.00 for each failure of an employer to give the required statements to his employees.

CONVENTION PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR DISCUSSION OF DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 6065)

Dr. E. J. Cameron, director of the Association's Research Laboratory at Washington, who has actively participated in the work connected with the new standards and label regulations being established under the revised food and drug law, will bring to canners the latest developments on these subjects.

Carlos Campbell, director of the Association's Division of Statistics, who has prepared during the past year a number of economic studies that constitute part of the Association's general economics research program and whose address will be a further analysis of the industry's situation today, with special reference to the effect of its production and merchandising policies in recent years.

The convention program provides for three general sessions to be held on Monday morning, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday morning. Conferences will be held on raw products and on canning problems on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Red Pitted Cherry Section will meet on Tuesday afternoon, and the Meat Section on Thursday morning. The cannery waste disposal conference and the home economics conference will be held on Wednesday morning.

At the opening session of the convention on Monday morning, the speakers will be Walter L. Graefe, president of the Association; Dr. E. J. Cameron, and H. Thomas Austern. Officers for 1940 will be elected at this session. The speakers

at the second session on Monday afternoon will be Senator Walter F. George, Judge J. Harry Covington, and Dr. Neil Carothers. The closing general session on Tuesday morning will be devoted to the subject of distribution, and speakers will be Carlos Campbell, James W. Young, and Arthur C. Nielsen. After these addresses, the Association's officers for 1940 will be installed and action will be taken upon the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The conferences on canning problems will be held under the direction of the Association's Research Laboratories and the subjects for discussion include experimental program for tomato juice; sources of contamination in tomato juice; effect of calcium salts in canning tomatoes; the canning of apple juice; control of external corrosion of cans; and prevention of curd in grapefruit juice.

The conference on raw products, under the direction of the Raw Products Research Bureau, will be conducted as round-table discussions. The Tuesday conference will discuss questions and recent investigations relating to tomatoes and sweet corn. At the Wednesday conference, attention will be directed to both research progress and practical questions on pea and bean diseases, varieties in canning tests, aphid control, role of boron in beet production, and lima bean breeding and variety tests.

At the home economics conference on Wednesday morning, the general subject will be distributive education as applied to the training of grocery clerks. Mr. Kyker will be the principal speaker at this conference and will discuss the program for grocery clerk training now being carried on throughout the country by the Office of Education in cooperation with States under the George-Deen Act.

The conference on cannery waste disposal will discuss methods used in recent experiments conducted by the Research Laboratory in conjunction with State sanitary engineers. The Association's new publication on this subject will be distributed at this conference on Wednesday morning.

The Cherry Section meeting will be devoted chiefly to plans for National Cherry Week and to a discussion of cherry standards under the revised Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Carlos Campbell of the Association's Division of Statistics will discuss the distribution of red pitted cherries.

The Meat Section will hold its regular annual meeting on Thursday morning. Among the subjects to be discussed are studies in processing canned meats, the new type C Army ration, detection of food poisoning bacteria, handling consumer complaints, and effect of quality on sales.

The exhibit of the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association will be held in the Machinery Hall, Grand Ball Room, and Foyer and East and West Lounges, Stevens Hotel. On Monday through Friday the exhibit will open at 9:00 a.m. It will close at 6:00 p.m., except on Friday, when the closing hour will be 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment and social affairs include: The Old Guard reception and dinner, Sunday evening; the annual dinner dance, under the auspices of the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Wednesday evening; theatre party at the Chicago Theatre, with the American Can Company as host, Thursday evening.

Copies of the printed program of the convention will be mailed to the canning industry in advance of the meeting.

Sugar Marketing Quota System Restored

The sugar marketing quota system, which was suspended September 11, was restored by the President December 26. effective January 1, 1940. New 1940 quotas will be worked out on the basis of estimated consumption by the Department of Agriculture, which will allot portions of the total among different producing areas according to a formula outlined in the Sugar Act of 1937.

More Areas Named for Food Stamp Distribution

This week the thirty-fifth area, Portland, Me., was announced by the Secretary of Agriculture as an area in which the food stamp plan of distribution of surplus products is to go into effect in a few weeks. During the past two weeks the Secretary has extended the plan to the following additional areas: Reno county, Kansas, including Hutchinson; Hall county, Texas; Richland county, South Carolina, including Columbia; Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh; Douglas county, Nebraska, including Omaha; Lancaster county, Nebraska, including Lincoln; and Los Angeles county, California, including Los Angeles. The program now is actually operating in 19 areas.

FSCC Buys 4,500,000 Bushels of Surplus Apples

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has purchased about 4,500,000 bushels of surplus apples thus far under the purchase program announced October 3. The average price paid by the Corporation for the apples was about 70 cents a bushel. Purchases were made in virtually all of the commercial producing areas.

Report of Food and Drug Administration Issued

The annual report of the Food and Drug Administration for the past fiscal year has been issued. Of interest to the canning industry is that section of the report dealing with food-poisoning cases. The report states that the only proved cases of hotulism were traced to under-processed homecanned foods, none to the commercial pack.

Cuba Lowers Duty on Canned Salmon and Mackerel

By the terms of a supplementary trade agreement between the United States and Cuba, which went into effect on December 23, Cuba has lowered the rates of import duty on canned salmon and canned mackerel. Under the preferential treatment accorded the United States, the Cuban rates of duty on these two items now are 35 per cent and 30 per cent, respectively, less than the rates applicable to countries not accorded preferential treatment.

Cuban Net Weight Decree Effective December 31

Unless a further postponment is made of a Cuban decree of November 16, 1938, requiring that all closed or sealed containers of foodstuffs, except glass containers where the contents are clearly visible, be marked to show the net metric weight or volume of their contents, the decree becomes effective December 31, 1939.

The decree was to become effective 180 days after its promulgation on November 24, 1938, but its effective date was postponed to December 31, 1939, by another decree. No announcement has yet been received of a further extension of time.

Canners League of California to Meet March 7-9

The annual meeting of the Canners League of California will be held March 7-9, 1940. The convention will start with an evening session on Thursday, March 7, and continue through Friday and Saturday, ending with a banquet on Saturday evening.

Veterans Administration Asks Bids on Blueberries

The Veterans Administration has asked for bids on 700 cases of canned blueberries or huckleberries, six No. 10 cans to a case, to be opened January 9, 1940. Bids should be submitted to the Administration at the Arlington Bldg., Washington, D. C. Delivery is to be made to the Administration Depot at 1749 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Ill.

Ozark Canners Association Meets February 8-9

The annual convention of the Ozark Canners Association will be held February 8 and 9, 1940, in the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo.

1939 Pack of Green and Wax Beans

Total pack of canned green and wax beans for 1939 amounted to 8,055,843 actual cases, according to figures compiled by the Association's Division of Statistics. This figure includes 6,945,970 cases of green beans and 1,109,873 cases of wax beans.

The following table shows the pack of green and wax beans by States and can sizes:

State	24/2's	48/1'm	24/254's	6/10's	Misc.	Total
GREEN BEANS	Gases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Me. and Vt	88,503	2.764		12.678		103.945
New York	590.840	22,362		76.218	35.848	725,268
Md. and Dela	1.568.726	3.493	97,480	217,425		1.887.124
Pennsylvania	201.725		6.495	35,219	3.274	246.713
Indiana	50.505		530	16.713		67,748
Michigan	352,192	8.444		51,153	6.609	415,398
Wisconsin	628, 180	20,463	3.750	57.585	23,349	733.327
Iowa and Nebr	44.936			2.307	294	47.537
Ky, and Tenn	124,356		98,276	20,269		242,901
Ark, and Mo	225,858	6.344	2.718	31,785		266,705
Техая	319,510	1,625		21,535	******	342,670
Colorado		9.292		18,196		209,314
Utah	206,335	25,262		28,839	51,133	311,569
Washington	171.785	6,700		27,292	7,193	212.970
Oregon	415, 130	5.221	30	181.811	54,390	656,582
California	61,583			31,184	4.227	96,994
Other States	327,207	500	14,150	34,348		376,205
Total	5,559,197	112,470	223,429	864.557	186.317	6,945,970
WAX BEANS						
Me, and Vt	110.312	955		21,401		135,668
New York	194,910	4.233		22,510	22.846	244,499
Md. and Dela	48,594			4.198	760	53,561
Pennsylvania	86,259	1.031		10.865	1.526	99.681
Indiana	*******	*****	******		*****	*******
Michigan	110.348	8.918		12.795	3.271	135,332
Wisconsin	228,898	12,299		22.521	8.753	272.473
lows and Nebr	51.637			3.509	105	55,251
Ky. and Tenn	550				*****	550
Ark. and Mo	803			66		809
Texas						
Colorado	45,363	2.420		5.081		52.864
Utah	23,306		*****	1,166	1.417	25,889
Washington	85			*****		85
Oregon	4.876			1.056		5.932
California	*******	*****	*****			
Other States	21,051	500		2,168	3,500	27,219
Total	926,992	30,356		110,336	42,180	1,100,873

Stocks and Shipments of Canned Peas

Total stocks of canned peas on December 1 amounted to 11,374,485 actual cases, compared with 17,563,473 cases on December 1, 1938, according to figures compiled by the Association's Division of Statistics. Unsold stocks and shipments during specified periods are shown in the following table:

	1938	1939
	Cases	Cases
Unsold stocks, December 1	13,313,515	6,395,536
Shipments during November	1,025,059	1.458,885
Shipments, June 1 to December 1	12.520.691	12.378.111

In the table below are shown stocks of canned peas on December 1, 1939, with shipments during November, by regions and varieties:

	Stoel	Shipments		
	Sold			during
	not shipped	Unsold	Total	November
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
New York and Maine:				
Alaskas	21,419	63,805	85,224	7.268
Sweets	415.198	573,128	988,326	141.920
Middle Atlantie:	,			
Alaskas	69.680	130.355	200.035	85.731
Sweets	27.281	79.517	106.798	14.883
Midwest:				
Alaskas	891.349	1.719.519	2.610.868	429,124
Sweets	1.549.497	2,103,315	3,852.812	312.829
Western:		211001010	1200-1010	-1-1
Alaskas	8.976	6.195	15, 171	4.172
Sweets	1,995,549	1,719,702	3,715,251	462,958
Total U. S.:		Branch or commercial		Annihilate model with
Alnekas	991,424	1.919.874	2,911,298	526,295
Sweets	3,987,525	4,475,662	8,463,187	932,590

Stocks and Shipments of Canned Tomatoes

Total stocks of canned tomatoes on December 1, 1939, excluding California, amounted to 10,793,384 actual cases, compared with 11,204,000 cases on December 1, 1938, according to figures compiled by the Association's Division of Statistics. Unsold stocks on December 1, 1939, amounted to 8,252,486 cases, compared with 9,562,000 cases unsold on December 1, 1938.

In the table below are shown, by regions, stocks of canned tomatoes on December 1, 1939, compared with stocks on December 1, 1938.

December 1, 1956	•			
	Stocks	on December	1, 1939	
	Sold			Stocks
	not shipped	Unsold	Total	Dec. 1, 1938
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Northeast	467.510	573,714	1.041.224	737,000
Middle Atlantie	673,965	3,390,535	4,064,500	4.010,000
Midwest	964.875	2.944.625	3,909,500	3,172,000
Tenn. and Ky	6.018	144.442	150,460	359,000
Ozark territory	45,000	885.000	930,000	1,918,000
Western	376,125	261.375	637,500	873,000
Southern	7,405	52,795	60,200	135,000
Total, excluding	2 540 808	8 252 486	10.793.384	11.204.000

Death Takes G. H. Bradt

G. H. Bradt, president of the Hunt Brothers Packing Co., of San Francisco, and for many years a prominent figure in the canning industry and trade, died on Saturday, December 23, after an extended illness. Mr. Bradt always took an active interest in trade association work and had served as a director of the National Canners Association and on various Association committees.

REGIONAL SET-UP REVISED

Wage-Hour Director Outlines Present Policy in Administration of Law

Establishment of a "direct administrative line of authority" in the Wage and Hour Division from the administrator through the regional directors to payroll inspectors, together with a reallocation of the regions covering the continental United States, was announced at a press conference, Wednesday, by Col. Philip B. Fleming, who is directing the activities of the Division. Revision in the administrative set-up of the Division, made under the direction of Colonel Fleming and reported in the Information Letter of December 16, began on December 18, when more responsibility and greater discretionary authority were placed on the field staff.

Colonel Fleming also announced that regional directors have been given authority to act on applications for the employment of handicapped and apprentice workers and, with the agreement of the regional attorney, to settle civil actions involving less than \$50,000.

Requests for a revision of the definitions of the terms "administrative, professional, and local retailing capacity," as used in the Act to designate exempt occupations, have been received from the American Retail Federation, the National American Wholesale Grocers' Association, and from newspaper publishers. In connection with these requests, Colonel Fleming said he would see what could be worked out by redefinition, rather than by seeking an amendment to the Act.

Colonel Fleming said he would have no recommendations of any kind for amendment of the Act to make to Congress. However, he added, that if asked he would give his opinion on suggested revisions but that he did not feel free in his present "unofficial capacity" to recommend amendments to the law.

Under the reallocation of the field offices, the 17 regions into which the country had previously been divided have been reduced to 15 in number. The principal change in the regional set-up is the re-apportionment of the Western States. Under the new set-up the region with offices in Kansas City and branch offices in St. Louis and Denver, will have for its area Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming; the Dallas region with a branch office in San Antonio will include Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas; while the San Francisco region with branches in Los Angeles and Seattle will control Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii.

Colonel Fleming announced at the same time the addition to his office of Baird Snyder, former chief engineer of the Farm Security Administration, who will relieve him of part of the load of directing the activities of the Division.

The personnel of the Division in the field has been increased sharply during the past few months. The Division now has a total personnel of 1,173, of whom 701 are in the field. The field organization includes 298 inspectors, 70 attorneys, 106 payroll examiners and a clerical force of 205.

Following is an official list of the regional and branch offices of the Wage and Hour Division and their administrative personnel:

Region No. 1.—Regional office, 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., Thomas H. Eliot, Director. Region No. 2.—Regional office, 412 Federal Building, New York City, George B. Kelly, Director. Branch office, 500 Gerrans Building, Buffalo, N. Y., Frank J. Griffin, Inspector.

Region No. 3.—Regional office, 1630 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Pa., Frank J. G. Dorsey, Director. Branch office, 216 Old P. O. Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., James F. Harrigan, Inspector.

Region No. 4.—Regional office, 215 Richmond Trust Building, Richmond, Vs., W. C. Cole, Director. Branch office, 606 Snow Building, Baltimore, Md., Leo H. McCormick, Inspector.

Region No. 5.—Regional office, 409 Johnston Building, Charlotte, N. C., Jack P. Lang, Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 6.—Regional office, 314 Witt Building, Atlanta, Ga., James G. Johnson, Supervising Inspector. Branch office, 225 Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Fla., Douglas R. Melcolm, Inspector.

Region No. 7.—Regional office, 818 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala., John R. Burke, Senior Inspector. Branch office, 516 Carondelet Building, New Orleans, La., Stephen R. MacRae, Inspector.

Region No. 8.—Regional office, Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tenn., William M. Eaves, Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 9.—Regional office, 728 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, W. J. Kennedy, Director. Branch offices, 358 Federal Building, Detroit, Mich., Kathleen J. Lowrie, Inspector, and 421 Keith Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, R. H. Silvius, Acting Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 10.—Regional office, 955 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill., Thomas D. O'Malley, Director. Branch office, 108 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind., Arthur C. Viat, Inspector.

Region No. 11.—Regional office, 406 New P. O. Building, Minneapolis, Minn., L. A. Hill, Senior Auditor.

Region No. 12.—Regional office, 504 Title and Trust Building, Kansas City, Mo., Winfrey G. Nathan, Inspector. Branch offices, 314 Old Custom House, St. Louis, Mo., Joel D. Mason, Inspector, and 106 Old Customs House, Denver, Colo., Russell L. Kingston, Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 13.—Regional office, 620 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas, Peter Tamburo, Acting Regional Director, Branch office, 716 Mayerick Building, San Antonio, Texas, Leland S. Reid,

Acting Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 16.—Regional office, 785 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif., Wesley O. Ash, Director. Branch offices, 326 H. W. Hellman Building, Los Angeles, Calif., L. A. Peifer, Acting Supervising Inspector, and 206 Hartford Building, Seattle, Wash., John R. Dille, Acting Supervising Inspector.

Region No. 17.—Regional office, 1004 Kinney Building, Newark, N. J., Arthur J. White, Director.

Puerto Rico Regional office, Post Office Box 112, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Charles A. Wood, Territorial Representative.

British Columbia's Sockeye Salmon Pack Declines

The salmon pack of British Columbia for the 1939 season, as of November 25, amounted to 1,522,032 cases, compared with 1,697,016 cases at the same time last year, and 1,529,022 cases in 1935. This year's pack of Sockeye, the most important species from a commercial standpoint, was notably under that of the two preceding years, the respective totals being 264,564, 439,698, and 350,444 cases. The pack of Pinks and Bluebacks, however, was substantially larger this year that in 1938 and 1937.

Japan Creates Sales Monopoly of Canned Fish

A single large Japanese company has been created to control sales of marine products and to promote export trade, according to the American commercial attache at Tokyo. The new concern, known as Suisan Kanzume Hambai K. K. (Canned Marine Products Sales Co.), was formally estab-

lished September 28, with an authorized capital of 5,000,000 yen, one-third of which will be paid-up. It is understood that the company resulted from a merger of the Canned Sardine Joint Sales Co., the Canned Shellfish Joint Sales Co., the Canned Tunafish Sales Co., and several other minor concerns.

The new firm reportedly will take charge of all sales of canned marine products to exporters, including the military, with the exception of salmon and crab, and will, by this action, exercise control over prices and distribution.

Italian Production of Canned Tomatoes Drops

This season's output by Italian canneries of canned peeled tomatoes and tomato sauce is less than half, about 40 per cent, of last year's production because of the short tomato crop, according to the American consulate general at Naples. The canneries finished tomato products by the end of October and are now putting up jam and fruits preserved in syrup.

Effect of Crop-Fertilizer Treatment on Quality of Canned Product

Samples of canned peas, green beans, tomatoes, and beets, which had been grown on plats subjected to various fertilizer and other treatments in the New York Agricultural Experiment Station's canning crops research program this past season, were cut and tested at Geneva recently.

The effects of the addition to fertilizers of so-called "minor elements," such as boron, magnesium, manganese, or sulfur, on the quality and flavor of canned beets and peas; the merits of mosaic-resistant strains of green beans for canning; and the effects of various soil treatments on the firmness and color of canned tomatoes and the treatment of tomatoes with calcium during the canning operation to maintain firmness in the canned product, were some of the things observed in the demonstration.

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